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UM LAW SCHOOL TO HOLD PUBLIC LAND LAW CONFERENCE MARCH 30-31

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana School of Law will hold a Public Land Law Conference Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31, on "State Regulation of Federal Public Lands: Cooperation or Competition?"

During its 12th annual conference, the law school's Public Land Law Review will also honor UM law Professor Albert Stone for his contributions to Western water law.

On Friday, Harvard University and Boston College law Professor Zygmunt Plater will give a keynote address on "Contemporary American Tribalism: Natural Resource Policy-making in the 1990s." The lead counsel in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case involving snail darters, he's also helped Alaska press its lawsuit against the Exxon Corp. over the company's oil spill in Valdez.

Another highlight Friday will be University of Wyoming law Professor Robert Keiter's talk on "Wolf Reintroduction: Federalism and the Endangered Species Act."

Also on Friday University of Oregon law Professor John Bonine will deliver a speech on "Reverse Perestroika in the Northwest: Will Federal Land Managers Obey the Law If Citizens Can't Sue?"

On Saturday, the conference will focus on water allocation issues on tribal lands. The speakers will be Susan Williams, a

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lawyer with the Albuquerque, N.M., firm Grover, Stetson, Williams & West, P.C., and law Professor Robert Abrams of Detroit's Wayne State University Law School. Williams recently was lead counsel in Wyoming vs. United States, a U.S. Supreme Court case concerning tribal, state and federal jurisdictions over water rights. Abrams will present a state approach to the case.

Other speakers will include Montana Sen. Max Baucus and Utah Rep. Wayne Owens.

The conference, for which continuing legal education credits are available, costs \$80 through Thursday, March 29, and \$100 at the door. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days in the University Center Ballroom.

For registration information, call the Public Land Law Review at 243-6568.

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